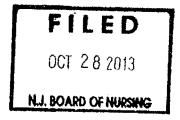
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION : FOR LICENSURE OF :

Administrative Action

DANIELLE OSZUSTOWICZ, APPLICANT

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING

IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Danielle N. Oszustowicz's application for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse by endorsement submitted on March 6, 2013. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on September 10, 2008 by members of the New York Police Department, charged with Petit Larceny (equivalent to a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-3), and subsequently convicted of a downgraded charge of Disorderly Conduct.

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on her application for licensure, answering "No" to the question which asked if she had ever been arrested, and "No" to the question which asked if she had ever been convicted. After the Board contacted the applicant with the results of the criminal history background check, she divulged that as a twenty-year old young adult, she had worked at Walbaum's supermarket and had retained cash vouchers from customers and used those vouchers to her own benefit. She took responsibility for her actions and pled guilty as part of a plea bargain. She asserted that she learned her lesson from this experience and pledged a resilient commitment to nursing and helping others.

The applicant claimed that she had checked "No" to the above questions on the application because all other criminal history background checks and applications she had ever filled out asked whether she had ever been arrested/convicted of a felony. She stated that she answered "No" because she has never been arrested or convicted of a felony, only a misdemeanor. Despite the applicant's reasoning, the questions on the application are clearly worded to encompass all arrests and convictions, not just those involving felonies.

The Board finds that the applicant used dishonesty,

deception, or misrepresentation in not disclosing her arrest and conviction on her application, which constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 28 day of October, 2013
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

- 1. Danielle Oszustowicz's application for licensure by endorsement as a Registered Professional Nurse shall be granted upon payment of a civil penalty hereby imposed in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for failing to disclose her arrest and conviction on her application. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey," and shall be submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order.
- 2. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she

practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Danielle Oszustowic